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Letter to Philander Chase

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 July 2
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London

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Right Reverend Dear Sir

I have had the pleasure to receive your two kind Letters of the 9th of February and the 14th of May. The prosperous state of your affairs gives us all much pleasure. The Trustees thought it right to issue a new Statement. Herewith I send some copies of it. It has already produced the support of another Bishop, Dr Goodenough of Carlisle.

I send, by this conveyance, to Mr. Tappin some copies of this new Statement, with a request that he will distribute them among the Bishops & others.

The Delay of the Stereotype

Plates of the Prayer Book has been an occasion of much regret. They are now on board the Brighton, in the River, bound to New York, in two cases; and are accompanied by two cases of books, contained all that had been collected before you left, with some others. Lists of these books & of those sent to Liverpool are enclosed with this Letter. All are consigned to Mr Kip's care, to be forwarded to you.

The boxes of Plates contain 414 Plates, 17 ounces of types to repair the Plates in case of accident, and a set of Proofs taken from the Plates to shew that they are entire & in good order. They form 11 sheets & a half of Eighteens. A second set of Plates has been cast by the Founder, which he proposes to dispose of as he may have opportunity.

From this set we shall probably take
off an edition to be sold here, but were
unwilling to detain your set for that purpose.

We have not yet seen B^r Roberts,
and are ready to conclude that he has proceeded
direct from the Continent to America.

I regret the delay in circulating
the "Second Letter to Lord Kenyon," but such events
are sometimes unavoidable.

We shall watch with
interest and affection the progress of your plans.
God has so greatly favoured your designs, hitherto,
that we cannot but trust Him cheerfully for their
issue. May many faithful servants of Christ
come forth from your walls, to preach glad tidings
of great joy to their fellow-sinners! And may
the Holy Spirit shed His abundant influences
upon them, that their Ministry may be the means
of bringing multitudes, in successive generations,

to the full and cordial belief & reception of
the Gospel! Then will all your cares & anxieties,
My Dear Sir, be fully repaid, when you shall
meet in heaven with numbers, the purchase
of our Saviour's sufferings, but exempt to the
sorrowful knowledge of His Name by means of
this very Institution, the child of many tears,
and much toil, & many prayers.

I trust that you will favour me,
now and then, with an account of your
proceedings & prospects. All my family take an
affectionate interest in your concerns. My
four elder children are spending the summer months
in the country. my two younger are at present
at home. Mr. Pratt's aged Mother still lives, but
waiting, in faith & patience, the time of her departure.
Accept from us all our respectful & affectionate
wishes for the blessing of God upon you & all your family.
With Christian regards to Mr. Chase & the Spanow, I
am, Dear Right Rev. Sir, ever most truly, Your sincere friend
Remond Josiah Pratt